

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the abstract and replace it with the following:

The present invention relates to the ~~use of effectors/regulators for Rab and Rho GTPases~~ in *in vitro* and *in vivo* assays ~~Screening against these targets will identify drugs~~ screening of substances for activity against Rab GTPase by assessing their effect on GTPase-GTPase effector interaction. These substances will be used to prevent or inhibit cancer cell growth as well as stimulate or restore endocytic transport and phagosome maturation in cells infected by intracellular parasites.